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RE: unreported campaign funds

MUR # 6719

Good Day,

I spoke with someone from your agency and was advised to send my complaint along with evidence to your office.

This correspondence refers to Xanthi Gionis, who was a candidate for Congress in the 2012 Open Primary Election for the 51 Congressional district in Imperial County, CA

I worked for Ms. Gionis as an instructor in the graduate school, Aristotle University, she administers. I also did some work for her family. Along the way we became, what I thought, close personal friends. I was enthused when she decided to run for Congress and helped her with her campaign by donating time to the University and to the campaign itself. Since Ms. Gionis was the only candidate endorsed by the local Republican Party I believed, as would any other reasonable person that she had been thoroughly vetted hence, my faith in her qualifications.

I'm not sure where Ms. Gionis originally had gotten her funding; however I do know Ms. Gionis was planning a fundraiser for June 2, 2012 at the Grand Del Mar in the form of a luncheon at \$250.00 per ticket where a substantial down payment was needed. I no longer have the tickets I was asked to sell for her but Tony Krvaric, volunteer chairman of the Republican Party in San Diego, was aware of this purported luncheon as we both attended an event on May 19, 2012 where I tried to sell him a ticket. On May 14, 2012 Ms Gionis asked if I could loan her \$5,000.00 for her campaign with the assurance her brother would repay on June 8, 2012. On May 25, 2012 she asked for another \$2,500.00. I had told her I did not have money to spare nor did I want to take a cash advance on my credit card so she suggested it would show as "tuition" on my charge cards which would subsequently be refunded before I even got the bills.

I am not computer literate therefore I gave her my credit card information, she set up a Pay Pal account in my name and the money was taken from my accounts and credited to Aristotle University. I continued to teach and work on curriculum for the University with guarantees that all the money owed will be repaid. In spite of many assurances and promises, she never did repay me. I was left with no choice but to sue her in small claims court. At trial, she denied I ever worked for her, said I was a scam artist
; all my evidence was fraudulent, and twice testified that the \$7,500 on my credit

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cards was for Aristotle University tuition where I was denied admission and that I simply had to ask for a refund to retrieve it.

Ms. Gionis had graduated law school and knew how to lie very convincingly and the commissinmer/judge believed her instead of me. At the trial, the judge instructed me to do what Ms. Gionis said and ask for the money. Since the majority of the money was for credit card debt, I did request the "tuition refund." After more promises, that money did not come either. Therefore I took her back to court and got a judgment for the \$7,500.00+ that she still hasn't repaid. Twice during the trial, she "challenged" me to report her to the FEC if I wanted to claim the loans as campaign funds. She is again running for another office. Therefore, I am taking her up on her challenge.

Where is she getting funding for this campaign when she owes me and others ordered by the Court? She claims different things to different people as to who owns Aristotle University although the Secretary of State has it on record, updated daily, that her father, for whom she has Power of Attorney, owns the school she administers and it was not sold to anyone contrary to her claims to me and others.

Additionally, on May 17, 2012, I attended a fundraiser for Ms. Gionis and another candidate, Corky Reynaya-Ernett, at a private residence in Brawley, CA. I saw envelopes given to Ms. Gionis' campaign manager, Tim Rowe, and heard donations being discussed in the car on the way back to San Diego as they opened the envelopes. Most contained cash but Ms. Gionis was very upset that some of the donations were put on credit cards.

Because Ms. Gionis lied in court and the commissinmer/judge believed her, does not make it true! I testified under oath and took it seriously. I sincerely trust you will be more thorough than that judge presiding in small claims court.

Ms Gionis claims the \$7,500.00 is for tuition and was court ordered to refund it to me. Either that is the case and she must abide by the court order or she should be made ~~should~~ ^{or to} answer to your commission as to why it wasn't reported as campaign money.

For the record, at the time I loaned Ms. Gionis money I did not know the rules of campaign loans or contributions. I only recently was advised of these rules. I swear under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Sincerely,

Karin Tausan

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San Diego, CA 92116

State of California, County of San Diego
On 1-23-2013 before me, Gordon A. Glenn, Notary Public,
Personally appeared KARIN EDITH TAUSAN
who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s)
whose name(s) have subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged
to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies),
and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity
upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.
I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California
that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.
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